

PEOPLE IMPATIENT FOR THE BUILDING OF MORE HIGHWAYS.

Montgomery, Ala., May 29.—Impatience for the building of good roads in Alabama was given significant demonstration before the State Highway Commission Monday afternoon. Strong sentiment favoring an extended program of construction even in advance of federal aid was indicated.

Judge J. A. Canley of Coffee county, before the commission in the interest of the building of a one mile section in his county, incidentally declared that he favored the building of completed highways without reference to the federal and state appropriation.

Chairman John Rogers hastened to declare that he had favored this plan but that he had been opposed by a majority of the commission. It was considered significant that not only Judge Canley but Chairman Rogers was enthusiastically applauded by the large number of citizens present and, it is said, a majority of the commissioners.

The plan proposed, and indicated by Judge Canley and advocated by Chairman Rogers and some others, is that where a county project is larger than can be built by available state and federal funds to complete the project with state and county funds and not wait for federal aid.

It is pointed out that funds already appropriated and expended consumed the prorata of state funds matched with available federal funds. To extend large projects calling for more money than the state and federal funds apportioned to the respective counties the work has to be done with state and county funds or must be over until more federal funds are made available.

The commission is having considerable difficulty in meeting the demands for continuous and completed highways because of the limited funds under the federal aid plan.

It is understood that Governor Brandon is opposed to the suggestion of exceeding the federal fund program at the present time but it is being generally predicted that some such plan will have to be adopted to meet the increasing demand for completed highway systems.

It was indicated Monday night following the unexpected demonstration that there is some change of sentiment among members of the commission and it is considered more than probable that the question will have some serious consideration before the adjournment of the present session.

Most of Monday's meeting was consumed in the hearing of delegations from various sections of the state making appeal for additional construction. It was such arguments and appeals that precipitated the demonstration following the suggestion of Judge Canley.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Alabama, Coffee County, Circuit Court, May 22, 1923.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the mandate of an execution in favor of Winter Hardware Co. and against J. M. Harris, issued out of the Circuit Court at Elba, of said County, I will on the 25th day of June, 1923, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 3 P. M., at the West door of the courthouse in the Town of Elba, Alabama, offer for sale at public outcry to satisfy the debt herein and the cost accrued, the following property of said J. M. Harris, to-wit:

An undivided one-half interest in the following described real estate, in the Town of Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit: One one-story brick storehouse and lot bounded on the North by property of D. J. Branks, East by street and public square, South by Davis Street, and West by alley, same being occupied by Hay Mercantile Co.

Also one two-story brick storehouse and lot, bounded on the North by Wilkerson property, East by street and public square, South by D. J. Branks property, and West by alley, same being occupied by W. C. Boutwell, et al.

Witness my hand this 22nd day of May, 1923.

W. H. WATKINS, Sheriff.

Blank Bond to provide paper at the Circuit office.

EARLY TESTS PROVE MERIT OF HILL'S MIXTURE FOR POISONING

Dothan, Ala., May 22.—In order to test the effectiveness of Hill's Mixture as a boll weevil poison, extensive experiments were made in Dothan and vicinity last week. These experiments, (which were conducted by thoroughly reliable and reputable parties,) prove conclusively that Hill's Mixture does kill boll weevils, as in some instances not a handful of weevils could be gathered from a field where they had been in abundance before the mixture was applied.

Officials from the Hill's Mixture Corporation in Augusta arrived in Dothan last Monday and on Tuesday conducted a test on the farm of F. J. W. Carr, eight miles south of town. About one and one-half acres of cotton, down near the woods, were treated with the mixture. A handful of weevils were caught Monday afternoon, and placed under a screen which went over the cotton. They were dropped under this screen and on the leaves of the cotton some of the poison was placed. All these weevils were dead on Tuesday with but one exception, and he looked mighty sick.

Mr. Thomas Barrett, Jr., Vice-President of the Hill's Mixture Corporation, advises that similar tests have just been completed on the farms of Messrs. Raine and Hollingsworth in Terrell County, Georgia. The Hill's Mixture was thoroughly applied to fifteen acres of the most densely populated with the insects. Tuesday morning the same acres were inspected by a large number of prominent Terrell and Dougherty County planters, who went over the fields in question and found only five live weevils, while numbers of dead ones were scattered all over the plants and down on the ground between the rows.

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Later the bandits notified the families of the massacred captives of their deaths and relatives were permitted to remove the bodies, identification being facilitated by the tags attached to the corpses. "One Christian Chinese, who already had paid \$3,800 for the release of his son, today took delivery of the corpse," Father Lenfers wrote, adding: "Many soldiers are still climbing the mountain."

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ZION CHAPEL NEWS.

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"Farmers."

COUPLE KILLED WHEN A TRAIN HITS AUTO.

Waco, Ga., May 28.—J. R. Thomas and wife, an elderly couple, were killed when a Central of Georgia train collided with the automobile in which they were riding near Bremen yesterday afternoon. The couple were returning from a Sunday School meeting at Rockmart and were driving through the country.

BANDITS THROW CHINESE CAPTIVES TO DEATH FROM CLIFFS.

Shanghai, May 29.—Shortage of food in the bandit stronghold at Paotzuku before the kidnapping of a number of foreigners from the Shanghai-Peking express May 6, caused the brigands to throw eighty Chinese prisoners to death from one of the mountain cliffs according to information received today from Father William Lenfers, aged German priest, who has made several trips to the outlaw headquarters.

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BIRMINGHAM ITALIAN GROCER IS KILLED BY AXE MURDERER.

Birmingham, Ala., May 29.—Assaulted by an unidentified axe murderer, Charlie Gaffeo, 35, Italian grocer, was instantly killed and robbed Monday night shortly after 8 o'clock in his store at 1501 Seventh avenue north. Gaffeo, according to Detectives G. M. Bragan and R. J. Walton, obviously was assaulted by an unidentified person, believed to have been a negro, who entered the store and attacked him while the latter was filling his order for a small quantity of kerosene.

After striking him several blows across the left side of the head that felled him, the fiend then drew a pocket knife and slashed his throat from ear to ear. Subsequently his pockets were rifled of their contents, his cash register robbed and his store looted of valuable merchandise. According to the police the murder is believed to have occurred shortly after 8 o'clock. About one hour later his body was found by two negroes who entered the store to make a purchase. Finding the slain merchant in a pool of blood, the negroes dashed out of the store and stopped T. F. Nabors and F. H. Downs passing in the vicinity who notified the police.

The weapon used in the attack was a short handled axe, which was found near the prostrate form of the dead man. Gaffeo's body was found on the floor by the side of a kerosene container. Nearly was a small oil can, apparently held by the merchant, when he was felled in his other hand, he clinched a five cent piece which the murderer had paid him for the purchase. The slaying of Gaffeo is the latest of a long series of axe murders and serious assaults that have been occurring in Birmingham the past two years.

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MOONSHINER SHOOT DRY AGENT IN KENTUCKY.

Covington, Ky., May 28.—Bloodhounds have been sent to Maublen, Ky., to aid in the search for John Hurst, who is alleged to have shot and killed J. H. Short, deputy United States Marshal, late Saturday night when the latter attempted to arrest him on a warrant charging illegal manufacture of whiskey. When word of the slaying reached the offices of Rex E. Williams, United States marshal here last night, deputy marshals from the eastern district of Kentucky were ordered to join in the search for the fugitive who, according to dispatches, fled to the hills, clad only in his night clothes.

Marshal Short, Deputy Sheriff L. C. Flannery and Ford Short, son of the marshal, went to Hurst's home late Saturday night with a warrant for the latter's arrest. As the elder Short stepped in front of the door, Hurst is alleged to have fired a shotgun point blank at the marshal, the entire charge lodging in his stomach and chest. He died 30 minutes later. Hurst broke away and disappeared in the nearby woods after having been disarmed by the other deputies. An additional warrant charging Hurst with having killed Short has been issued.

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